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# NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

#### **Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
   Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

### Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid processing delays.

- Additional claim fees of \$114 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are
  required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are
  due.
- A new oath or declaration, identifying this application number is required. The oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.63 in that it:
- does not identify the residence (e.g., city and either state or foreign country) of each inventor.
- does not identify the citizenship of each inventor.

#### **SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$564 for a Small Entity

- \$385 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$114
  - \$72 for 8 total claims over 20.
  - \$42 for 1 independent claims over 3.

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Effective OCTOBER 1, 2003, Patent Fees will be adjusted. Please note that fee amounts required by the enclosed Notice might reflect the fees due on the date of filing. Any fee paid on or after OCTOBER 1, 2003 is subject to the new FY 2004 fee schedule and must be paid in the new amount.

EXAMPLES OF FEES BEING ADJUSTED		* Indicates
See www.uspto.gov for complete FY 2003		fees remain
and FY-2004 Fee Schedules		at FY 2003
and F1-2004 Fee Schedules		amount
DESCRIPTION	FY 2003	FY 2004
Basic filing fee - Utility	\$750	\$770
Basic filing fee - Utility (Small Entity)	\$375	\$385
Independent claims in excess of three	\$84	\$86
Independent claims in excess of three (Small Entity)	\$42	\$43
Claims in excess of twenty	\$18	\$18*
Claims in excess of twenty Claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	\$9	\$9*
Multiple dependent claim	\$280	\$290
Multiple dependent claim (Small Entity)	\$140	\$145
	\$130	\$130
Surcharge - Late filing fee	\$65	\$65
Surcharge - Late filing fee (Small Entity)	\$330	\$340
Design filing fee	\$165	\$170
Design filing fee (Small Entity)	\$520	\$530
Plant filing fee	\$260	\$265
Plant filing fee (Small Entity)	\$750	\$770
Reissue filing fee Reissue filing fee (Small Entity)	\$375	\$385
	\$84	\$86
Reissue independent claims Reissue independent claims (Small Entity)	\$42	\$43
Reissue independent claims (Smail Entity)	\$18	\$18*
Reissue claims in excess of twenty Reissue claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	\$9	\$9*
Reissue claims in excess of wenty (Smail Entity)	\$160	\$160*
Provisional application filing fee Provisional application filing fee (Small Entity)	\$80	\$80*
Provisional application filing fee (Small Entity)	\$50	\$50*
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee	\$25	\$25*
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee (Small Entity)	\$130	\$130*
Non-English Specification	\$110	\$110*
Extension - First month	\$55	\$55*
Extension - First month (Small Entity)	\$410	\$420
Extension - Second month	\$205	\$210
Extension - Second month (Small Entity)	\$930	\$950
Extension - Third month	\$465	\$475
Extension - Third month (Small Entity)	\$1,450	\$1,480
Extension - Fourth month	\$725	\$740
Extension - Fourth month (Small Entity)	\$1,970	\$2,010
Extension - Fifth month	\$1,970	\$1,005
Extension - Fifth month (Small Entity)	\$130	\$1,003 \$130*
Petition	\$130 \$50	\$50*
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